REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

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The following notification has been received from the Ministry of Trade of Guyana in response to the questionnaire on import licensing procedures annexed to document L/5640/Rev.7.

REPONSES AU QUESTIONNAIRE RELATIF AUX PROCÉDURES EN MATIÈRE DE LICENCES D'IMPORTATION

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Le Ministère du commerce du Guyana a fait parvenir au secrétariat la notification ci-après en réponse au questionnaire relatif aux procédures en matière de licences d'importation annexé au document L/5640/Rev.7.

RESPUESTAS AL CUESTIONARIO RELATIVO A LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS PARA EL TRAMITE DE LICENCIAS DE IMPORTACION

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Se ha recibido del Ministerio de Comercio de Guyana la siguiente notificación en respuesta al cuestionario relativo a los procedimientos para el trámite de licencias de importación anexo al documento L/5640/Rev.7.

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I. IMPORT LICENSING

Outline, purposes and coverage of the system

1. The importation into Guyana of goods intended for trade or business must be authorized by an import licence issued by the Competent Authority. The relevant application form is a statutory one and is required to be completed in the prescribed manner in triplicate.

2. Import licensing requirements do not apply to the following articles or transactions:

   (a) baggage, household effects or personal effects as are exempted as passenger's, tourist's or settler's baggage, household effects or personal effects under the Customs Act;

   (b) bona fide trade patterns and samples, the f.o.b. value of which does not exceed fifty dollars local currency;

   (c) (i) goods imported by individuals for personal or family use; or

   (ii) articles imported by individuals for machinery and equipment personally owned and used by them in the pursuit of self employment; or

   (iii) items imported by non-commercial, non-agricultural, non-industrial, or social organizations for their own use;

   (d) the importation of goods which, by virtue of the provisions of the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular, and International Organisations) Act 1970, are not subject to restrictions imposed by the Trade Act;

   (e) goods originating in and consigned from Caricom States and conforming to the Caricom Rules of Origin as set out in the Customs Act.

3. A veto exists on the importation of the following goods:

   (a) beef or veal, mutton or lamb, venison, pork, horse and similar meats, other meats, fresh, chilled or frozen, including edible offals;

   (b) poultry, killed and dressed, fresh, chilled or frozen, including edible offals;

   (c) fruits otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or spirits, e.g. ground nuts (peanuts) roasted (including salted nuts), other roasted nuts, mangoes, pineapples, grapefruits, oranges;
(d) jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit purées and fruit pastes being cooked, cooked preparations, whether or not containing added sugar;

(e) goods originating in, or consigned, trans-shipped or in transit from the Union of South Africa.

They may nevertheless be imported under ministerial discretion in the public interest.

Procedures and conditions of licensing

4. The import licence is granted automatically and within two working days. Its validity period is initially for six months; but this may be extended upon written application, from time to time, for additional periods, not exceeding a maximum of six months. It must be obtained prior to the arrival of the goods in the country.

5. It may also be amended, upon written request, to accommodate:

(a) excesses in values due to changes in prices, freight and insurance or rates of exchange;

(b) inclusions of particulars of commodities occasioned by overpacking or overshipment in the relevant consignment.

6. It may be revoked in the public interest.

II. EXPORT LICENSING

7. The exportation from Guyana of any of the commodities specified in the schedule hereunder (see Annex) must be authorized by the relevant licence, issued by the Competent Authority.

8. The Application for Export Licence is a statutory form which must be prepared in triplicate and completed in the prescribed manner.

9. The Export Licence must be obtained prior to the loading of the goods aboard the vessel. Its validity period is for two weeks; but this may be extended for a specified period of limited duration having regard to extenuating circumstances, namely:

(a) delayed loading operations, during which time the licence expired;

(b) late arrival, discharge and loading of the vessel.

10. It may be revoked in the public interest.
ANNEX

Export Licensing Schedule

1. Live cattle, live swine, live poultry
2. Beef, pork, killed poultry - fresh, chilled or frozen
3. Poultry feed, rice, rice bran, rice chip, rice dust, rice stock feed
4. Wheat flour, wheat bran, wheat middlings, wheat screenings
5. Breweries grain, distillers grain, brewers yeast, distillers yeast
6. Beet sugar and cane sugar in solid form
7. Coffee beans, not roasted, margarine
8. Coconut seedlings, coconuts, copra, coconut (copra) oil, copra meal, soap
9. Fertilizers, jute bags and sacks, hides and skins
10. Feathers, bird skins with feathers, feathers prepared, ornamental feathers and other articles of feathers
11. Gold, jewellery of precious metal or rolled precious metal, diamonds, other than industrial diamonds
12. Arms and ammunitions
13. Iron and steel and articles thereof
14. Copper and articles thereof, copper wire, copper waste and scraps
15. Nickel and articles thereof
16. Aluminium and articles thereof
17. Magnesium and articles thereof
18. Lead and articles thereof
19. Zinc and articles thereof
20. Tin and articles thereof
21. Other base metals employed in metallurgy and articles thereof
22. Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks of base metals, parts thereof
23. Miscellaneous articles of base metals
24. Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof
25. Electrical machinery and equipment, parts thereof
26. Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling stocks and parts thereof
27. Railway and tramway track fixtures and fittings, traffic signalling equipment of all kinds (not electrically powered)
28. Vehicles, other than railway and tramway rolling stock and parts thereof
29. Aircraft and parts thereof, parachutes, catapults and similar aircraft launching gear, ground flying machines
30. Ships, boats and floating structures
31. Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus
32. Clocks and watches and parts thereof.